

**MINUTES OF THE
AUBURN CITY HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION
MEETING
FEBRUARY 17, 2009**

The regular session of the Auburn City Historic Design Review Commission was called to order on February 17, 2009 at 6:06 p.m. by Chair Worthington in the Council Chambers, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Snyder, Spokely, Vitas, Young, Briggs, Kidd,
Chair Worthington

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Elder

STAFF PRESENT: Wilfred Wong, Community Development
Director; Reg Murray, Senior Planner; Joseph
Scarborough, Assistant Planner Intern; Sue
Fraizer, Administrative Assistant

ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER

Chair Worthington welcomed Boy Scout Troup #13 from Newcastle to the meeting.

ITEM II: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ITEM III: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

ITEM IV: PUBLIC COMMENT

Jerry Larson of 12070 Mont Vista Drive advised that he would like to see the many signs that are attached to telephone poles around Auburn removed. Chair Worthington stated that the Community Development Director will follow up with Code Enforcement regarding this issue.

ITEM V: PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

- A. Historic Design Review - 891 Lincoln Way (Royal Thai Restaurant) - File HDR 09-5.** The applicant requests Historic Design Review approval for one ±9 square foot wall sign for Royal Thai Restaurant located at 891 Lincoln Way.

Comm. Briggs excused herself from this item and left the meeting due to its location within 500 feet of her business.

Planner Scarbrough presented the staff report. He provided a description of the sign, including size, color, materials and location. Staff recommends approval of the Royal Thai Restaurant signage.

There were no questions of staff.

The public hearing was opened. There were no comments from the applicant or the audience. The public hearing was closed.

Comm. Kidd **MOVED** to:

Adopt HDRC Resolution No. 09-5 as presented, approving one \pm 9 square foot wall sign as illustrated in Exhibits B & C.

Comm. Spokely **SECONDED**.

AYES: Snyder, Spokely, Vitas, Young, Kidd, Chair
Worthington
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Briggs
ABSENT: Elder

The motion was approved.

Comm. Briggs returned to the dais.

B. Historic Design Review - 638 Lincoln Way, Suite 100 (Beauty Takes Pain Tattoo). The applicant requests Historic Design Review approval for the installation of one \pm 17.5 square foot wall sign for Beauty Takes Pain Tattoo located at 638 Lincoln Way, Suite 100.

Planner Scarbrough presented the staff report. He provided a description of the sign, including size, color, location & materials. Staff recommends approval of Beauty Takes Pain Tattoo signage.

There were no questions of staff. The public hearing was opened.

The applicant, Joshua Daniels of 638 Lincoln Way in Auburn introduced himself.

There were no comments from the audience. The public hearing was closed.

Comm. Spokely **MOVED** to:

Adopt HDRC Resolution No. 09-6 as presented, approving one
± 17.5 square foot wall sign as illustrated in Exhibit B.

Comm. Snyder **SECONDED**.

AYES: Snyder, Spokely, Vitas, Young, Briggs, Kidd, Chair
Worthington

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Elder

The motion was approved.

ITEM VI:

COMMISSION BUSINESS

A. Discussion of Historic Design Review Commission
priorities.

Planner Murray presented this item. In 2008, the HDRC identified two issues of interest, developing a historic color palette and review of the sign ordinance. To date, the sign ordinance has not been addressed. After discussion this evening, staff can forward the Historic Design Review Commission's (HDRC) issues to the Auburn City Council.

The Commissioners discussed the priorities list. They agreed that review of the sign ordinance is still a priority and that they would like to review window signage and neon signage. Comm. Snyder suggested a breakdown of the different elements of the sign ordinance, with a decision on what elements the Commission would like to revise. The Commission would like to be able to provide better education about signage to new businesses. Comm. Kidd expressed her desire to somehow make it easier for businesses to attract attention in the current economy, ie; balloons, more signage, etc.

Director Wong responded that staff could create a report regarding a temporary relaxation of the sign ordinance to present at the next HDRC meeting.

Comm. Snyder **MOVED** to:

Direct staff to research the options for relaxation of the
sign ordinance and return to the Historic Design
Review Commission as soon as possible.

Comm. Vitas **SECONDED**.

The public hearing was opened.

Jerry Larson of 12070 Mont Vista Drive in Auburn suggested that if there is documentation of sign code violations, those be addressed rather than changing the ordinance.

Keith Stoneking of Sausalito, California stated that there were similar problems in Sausalito. The city has changed how they look at things and the signs are now very tasteful. He suggested that someone speak with the City Manager there to inquire about how the changes came about.

The public hearing was closed.

The vote for the current motion was taken.

AYES:	Snyder, Spokely, Vitas, Young, Briggs, Kidd, Chair Worthington
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Elder

The motion was approved.

ITEM VII: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FOLLOW-UP REPORTS

- A. City Council Meetings
No report.
- B. Future Historic Design Review Commission Meetings
No report.
- C. Reports
None.

ITEM VIII: HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION REPORTS

None.

ITEM IX: FUTURE HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ITEM X: ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Fraizer, Administrative Assistant